



PARTNERSHIP TEAMS

EMPOWER PARTNERSHIPS FOR INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

The following 20 exceptional partnership teams, each consisting of two organizations from the same country and one U.S. organization, will work together to create more disability inclusive communities and advance disability rights world-wide. Organizations were matched based on mutual interests and complementary expertise in order to form teams capable of creating lasting and significant change. Representing 21 countries, the partnership teams are diverse in geographic location, professional field, and project focus. To view the teams using an interactive world map, visit the MIUSA website at www.miusa.org/exchange/currentprogs/empower/empowermap.

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AFRICA

ETHIOPIA

Project focus: Legal aid and access to justice for people with disabilities at federal and state levels.

In-Country Partners

Ethiopian Women with Disabilities National Association

A Disabled People's Organization (DPO) that builds the capacity of women with disabilities and advocates for their right to participate in government and civil society.

Location: Addis Ababa / Website: none

Ethiopian Human Rights Commission

A government agency that works to protect human rights through awareness building, monitoring, research, and government advising.

Location: Addis Ababa / Website: <http://www.ehrc.org.et/>

U.S. Partner

Disability Rights Clinic at Syracuse University, College of Law, Office of Clinical Legal Education

A law school clinic that assists individuals with disabilities who are denied their rights because of their disability and helps advocacy groups representing the disabled community.

Location: Syracuse, New York / Website: <http://www.law.syr.edu/academics/clinical-legal-education/disability-rights-clinic.aspx>

KENYA

Project focus: Gender-based violence prevention for girls and women with disabilities.

In-Country Partners

Disability and Women Development Strategies (DWDS)

A non-governmental organization that works to improve that status and quality of life of women and girls with disabilities in rural African communities.

Location: Kisumu / Website: <http://www.dwds-online.org/>

Pambazuko La Wanawake Magharibi

A non-governmental organization that works to empower women and vulnerable youth to demand their rights.

Location: Kisumu / Website: none

U.S. Partner

SafePlace - Travis County Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Survival Center

An inclusive program that aims to end sexual and domestic violence through safety, healing, prevention, and social change.

Location: Austin, Texas / Website: <http://www.SafePlace.org>

NIGERIA

Project focus: Healthcare delivery and service access for people with disabilities.

In-Country Partners

Disability Policy Advocacy Initiative (DPAI)

A non-governmental organization established to pursue inclusive practices, legislative framework, policies, and a broad commitment to the social model of disability.

Location: Ikeja, Lagos State / Website: <http://disabilitypolicyadvocacy.org/>

Treasureland Health Builders Initiative

A non-governmental organization that works to improve the quality of life of vulnerable groups by strengthening communities and empowering families.

Location: Lagos, Lagos State / Website: <http://www.treasurelandhealthbuilders.org/>

U.S. Partner

Initiative for Women with Disabilities at New York University Medical Center, Elly and Steve Hammerman Health and Wellness Center

A non-profit, multidisciplinary center committed to providing respectful, high quality medical and wellness services for women and adolescent girls with physical disabilities.

Location: New York, New York / Website: <http://www.iwdwellness.org>

CHINA

Project focus: Disability inclusive aquatics and recreation programs, including advocacy for accessible public recreation facilities.

In-Country Partners**Guangzhou English Training Center for the Handicapped (GETCH)**

A Disabled People's Organization (DPO) that aims to provide equal higher education, employment, and recreation opportunities for youth with disabilities.

Location: Guangzhou / Website: <http://www.getch.org.cn/en/>

Guangzhou Sports University (GZSU)

An educational institution that educates creative, ethical, and socially responsible professionals in the sport, recreation, and health fields.

Location: Guangzhou / Website: <http://www.at0086.com/GZSPU/>

U.S. Partner**Special Needs Aquatic Program (SNAP) at the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point**

A university-based program that implements aquatic programs for under-represented populations in an inclusive environment and provides adapted physical education training for university students.

Location: Stevens Point, Wisconsin / Website: None

MALAYSIA

Project focus: Inclusive education for youth with Dyslexia and other learning disabilities.

In-Country Partners**Dyslexia Association of Sarawak**

A non-governmental organization that works to advance the education and general welfare of children and others who are affected by dyslexia and other specific learning disabilities.

Location: Kuching, Sarawak / Website: <http://www.dyslexia-swk.com/>

SK Laksamana

A primary school for children ages 6 – 12 with and without disabilities, administered by the government.

Location: Kuching, Sarawak / Website: none

U.S. Partner**Center for the Development of Language and Literacy (CDLL) at the University of Michigan**

A university affiliated center that provides innovative speech-language therapy for individuals of all ages with a variety of communication needs.

Location: Ann Arbor, Michigan / Website: <http://www.iha.umich.edu/language-literacy-services>

MONGOLIA

Project focus: Policy advocacy for inclusive education.

In-Country Partners**Association of Parents with Disabled Children**

A non-governmental organization of parents with disabled children that works to protect the rights of children with disabilities and encourages their development and full integration into society.

Location: Ulaanbaatar / Website: <http://www.apdc.mn/>

All for Education! National Civil Society Coalition

A non-governmental coalition of organizations and individuals dedicated to improving education access and quality for all marginalized groups in Mongolia.

Location: Ulaanbaatar / Website: none

U.S. Partner

TASH

A professional association that promotes the full inclusion and participation of children and adults with significant disabilities in every aspect of their community, and works to eliminate the social injustices that diminish human rights.

Location: Washington, D.C. / Website: <http://tash.org>

SOUTH KOREA

Project focus: Policy advocacy and networking for equal rights for people with disabilities.

In-Country Partners

Korea Differently Abled Federation (KODAF)

A non-governmental organization that works toward a society that supports the equal participation of people with disabilities.

Location: Seoul / Website: <http://www.kodaf.or.kr/english/kodaf.asp>

GongGam Human Rights Law Foundation

A non-governmental organization that aims to develop and nurture a culture of human rights by protecting the rights of minorities and underprivileged persons and addressing systemic discrimination in all sectors of society.

Location: Seoul / Website: <http://www.kpil.org/eng/index.php>

U.S. Partner

Resources for Independence Central Valley (RICV)

An independent living center that encourages people with disabilities to be in control of their lives and live independently through a diverse range of choices and opportunities.

Location: Fresno, California / Website: <http://www.ricv.org>

EUROPE

MACEDONIA

Project focus: Building awareness of sexual health and reproductive rights for women with disabilities.

In-Country Partners

Mobility Challenge (MC)

A non-profit organization that empowers people with disabilities, especially women with disabilities, to achieve full integration into society.

Location: Skopje / Website: <http://mobilitychallenge.weebly.com>

Health Education and Research Association (HERA)

A non-governmental organization that works toward the achievement of sexual and reproductive rights for all people and access to high quality and confidential healthcare services, including prevention and care for sexually transmittable infections and HIV.

Location: Skopje / Website: <http://hera.org.mk/>

U.S. Partner

Center for Research on Women with Disabilities (CROWD) at Baylor College of Medicine

A university affiliated center that promotes, develops, and disseminates information to improve health and expand the life choices of women with disabilities.

Location: Houston, Texas / Website: <http://www.BCM.edu/crowd>

SERBIA

Project focus: Media and communication as a disability rights advocacy tool.

In-Country Partners

Center Living Upright

A non-governmental organization that works to create an environment where the human rights of people with disabilities are respected and fully implemented.

Location: Novi Sad, Vojvodina / Website: <http://www.czuns.org/index.php/en/home-page>

Novi Sad School of Journalism (NSSJ)

A non-governmental, educational institution that fosters tolerant, well-balanced journalism that demonstrates respect for the values of truth, learning, and critical approach in multifaceted environments.

Location: Novi Sad, Vojvodina / Website: <http://www.novinarska-skola.org.rs/sr/>

U.S. Partner

Towson University, Department of Mass Communication and Communication Studies

A university department that focuses on the study of the structure, processes, aesthetics, functions, ethics, and criticism of mass media and human communication.

Location: Towson, Maryland / Website: <http://www.towson.edu/mccs/index.asp>

UKRAINE

Project focus: Higher education access and support for students with hearing disabilities.

In-Country Partners

Lugansk Regional Social Youth Organization

A non-governmental organization that works toward the integration of children and young people with disabilities into society.

Location: Lugansk / Website: <http://www.ami.org.ua/en/index.php>

Volodymyr Dahl East-Ukrainian National University (EUNU), Philology Department

A department of one of the leading public higher educational establishments of Ukraine that emphasizes inclusion, researches Deaf education, investigates communicative skills of Deaf and hard of hearing children, and is home to a school for the Deaf.

Location: Lugansk / Website: <http://en.snu.edu.ua/welcome.php>

U.S. Partner

Association on Higher Education and Disability (AHEAD) with the University of Arizona

A professional association committed to equity and inclusion of persons with disabilities in postsecondary education.

Location: Huntersville, North Carolina & Tucson, Arizona / Website: <http://www.ahead.org/>

EGYPT

Project focus: Specialized sports and advocacy for people with intellectual disabilities.

In-Country Partners**Special Olympics Egypt**

A non-governmental organization that provides year-round sports training and athletic competition for children and adults with intellectual disabilities.

Location: Giza / Website: <http://www.somena.org/showpage.aspx?PID=72>

Misr El Kheir Foundation

A non-governmental organization that seeks to fight poverty, ignorance, disease, and unemployment through partnerships with civil society institutions.

Location: Cairo / Website: <http://www.misrelkheir.com/>

U.S. Partner**Special Olympics North America (SONA)**

A non-governmental organization that provides year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities.

Location: Raleigh, North Carolina / Website: <http://www.specialolympics.org>

ISRAEL

Project focus: Self-advocacy and leadership for people with intellectual disabilities.

In-Country Partners**The Israel Human Rights Center for People with Disabilities (Bizchut)**

A disability rights advocacy organization that monitors, challenges, and changes discriminatory policies and practices.

Location: Jerusalem / Website: <http://bizchut.org.il/en/>

Research Institute for the Health and Medical Professions at Ono Academic College, Occupational Therapy Program

An academic institute that works to change the face of Israeli society by addressing social issues, striving for academic excellence, and promoting access to higher education for all sectors.

Location: Kiryat Ono / Website: <http://www.ono.ac.il/?lang=en>

U.S. Partner**Full Access**

A non-governmental organization that works to ensure that all people live, work, and recreate in their community, consistent with their preferences and choices.

Location: Eugene, Oregon / Website: <http://www.fullaccess.org/>

SOUTH AND CENTRAL ASIA**BANGLADESH**

Project focus: Inclusive pre-primary and primary education for youth with disabilities.

In-Country Partners**Bangladesh Protibandhi Kallyan Somity (BPKS)**

A Disabled People's Organization (DPO) committed to empowering people with disabilities to be self-reliant and active in the development of a non-discriminatory society.

Location: Dakkhin, Uttara / Website: <http://www.bpkssbd.org/>

BRAC Pre Primary School

A non-governmental school that provides educational support to underprivileged children.

Location: Islampur, Jamalpur District / Website: <http://www.brac.net/>

U.S. Partner

University of Oregon, College of Education, Family and Human Services Program, Early Childhood CARES (ECARES)

A university affiliated program that provides early intervention and early childhood special education to infants, toddlers, and preschool age children with developmental delays or disabilities.

Location: Eugene, Oregon / Website: <http://earlychildhoodcares.uoregon.edu/>

INDIA

Project focus: Gender-based violence prevention and services for women with disabilities.

In-Country Partners

Indian Institute of Cerebral Palsy

A non-governmental organization that seeks to bring about positive changes in the lives of all people with cerebral palsy, through a range of policies and service provisions.

Location: Kolkata, West Bengal / Website: <http://www.iicpindia.org/>

SWAYAM

A non-governmental, non-profit women's rights organization committed to ending violence against women and children.

Location: Kolkata, West Bengal / Website: <http://www.swayam.info/>

U.S. Partner

Women Enabled, Inc.

A non-governmental organization that advocates and educates for the human rights of all women and girls, with an emphasis on women and girls with disabilities, to include them in international resolutions, policies, and programs addressing women's rights and development.

Location: Washington, D.C. / Website: <http://womenenabled.org>

NEPAL

Project focus: Advocacy, leadership, and grassroots organizing for rights of women with disabilities, including Dalit women with disabilities.

In-Country Partners

Nepal Disabled Women Association (NDWA)

A Disabled People's Organization (DPO) that organizes and empowers women with disabilities to initiate provisions to utilize their rights.

Location: Kathmandu / Website: <http://www.ndwa.org.np/>

Feminist Dalit Organization (FEDO)

The first national level non-government organization to strive to create a movement against caste and gender-based discrimination in order to protect and promote civil and political rights of Dalit women and to support their socio-economic empowerment.

Location: Lalitpur / Website: <http://www.fedonepal.org/>

U.S. Partner

Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund (DREDF)

A national civil rights law and policy center that works to advance and protect the civil and human rights of people with disabilities through legal advocacy, training, education, public policy, and legislative development.

Location: Berkeley, California / Website: <http://www.dredf.org/>

TAJIKISTAN

Project focus: Law and policy advocacy and access to services for people with Autism and other disabilities.

In-Country Partners

IRODA

A Disabled People's Organization (DPO) that promotes disability rights and equality, and raises awareness about the needs of children with Autism and other disabilities.

Location: Dushanbe / Website: none

Equal Opportunities

A non-governmental organization that protects the rights and interests of vulnerable populations and groups.

Location: Dushanbe / Website: none

U.S. Partner

Developmental Disabilities Institute (DDI) at Wayne State University

A university affiliated program that contributes to the development of inclusive communities and quality of life for people with disabilities and their families through education, community support and services, research, and dissemination of information.

Location: Detroit, Michigan / Website: <http://www.ddi.wayne.edu/>

WESTERN HEMISPHERE

ARGENTINA

Project focus: Independent living programs and disability rights advocacy

In-Country Partners

Association Azul

A non-governmental organization that supports independent living of people with disabilities.

Location: La Plata, Buenos Aires / Website: <http://www.asociacionazul.org.ar/index.html>

Hospital Subzonal Especializado José Ramos Mejía

A hospital, administered by the Ministry of Health, that supports community integration of women with intellectual disabilities.

Location: Melchor Romero, Buenos Aires / Website: <http://www.ramosmejia.org.ar/>

U.S. Partner

IndependenceFirst, Inc.

A community-based, non-residential Independent Living Center that facilitates empowerment of people with disabilities through education, advocacy, services, and coalition building.

Location: Milwaukee, Wisconsin / Website: <http://www.independencefirst.org>

BRAZIL

Project focus: Training methods for elite athletes with disabilities and inclusive recreation programs.

In-Country Partners

Association of Friends of the Sao Rafael Institute (AAISR)

A non-governmental organization that builds the capacity of professionals across many sectors to ensure the participation of people with disabilities in society.

Location: Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais / Website: none

State Secretariat of Sports and Youth (SEEJ)

A government agency that coordinates public policies aimed at training young people and promoting sport, physical activity, and social integration.

Location: Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais / Website: <http://www.esportes.mg.gov.br/>

U.S. Partner

Wheelchair Athletics Program at the University of Illinois

A division of the University's disability resources and educational services that provides opportunities to students with disabilities to enhance their goals for athletic, recreational, leisure, and personal well-being within a supportive and stimulating environment.

Location: Champaign, Illinois / Website: <http://www.disability.illinois.edu>

COLOMBIA

Project focus: Advocacy, leadership, and grassroots organizing for disability rights.

In-Country Partners

Archangels Foundation for Integral Rehabilitation

A non-governmental organization that works toward an inclusive and sustainable world for future generations by empowering people with disabilities and other vulnerable communities.

Location: Bogota / Website: <http://www.fundacionarcangeles.org>

Human Rights Research Group at Rosario University Law School

An academic institution that works to provide education in the human rights arena, including researching, participating in, and teaching technical support.

Location: Bogota / Website: <http://www.urosario.edu.co/>

U.S. Partner

Access Living of Metropolitan Chicago

An independent living center that fosters the dignity, pride, and self-esteem of people with disabilities and enhances the options available to them so they may choose and maintain individualized and satisfying lifestyles.

Location: Chicago, Illinois / Website: <http://www.accessliving.org>

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Project focus: Advocacy, leadership, and grassroots organizing for women with disabilities.

In-Country Partners

Circle of Women with Disability (CIMUDIS)

A non-governmental organization that brings together women with physical, visual, and hearing disabilities to promote and strengthen the rights of women with disabilities.

Location: Santo Domingo / Website: none

Research Center for Feminist Action (CIPAF)

A non-governmental feminist organization that defends the rights of women and girls through advocacy, research, and training.

Location: Santo Domingo / Website: <http://www.cipaf.org.do/>

U.S. Partner

Able South Carolina

An independent living center that empowers people with disabilities to live active, self-determined lives through advocacy, service, and support.

Location: Columbia, South Carolina / Website: <http://www.able-sc.org/>